

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Minutes March 12, 2026 – 11:00 AM

In Person

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care is to work toward eliminating homelessness through collaboration of innovative solutions.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care is to facilitate a coordinated effort of planning, integration of mainstream resources, and implementation of programs targeted at reducing homelessness and improving housing stability across Arkansas' diverse local homeless coalitions that comprise the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

- I. Welcome
- II. Meeting called to order 11:15 am by Sue Legal, William Tollett was unable to be present.
- III. Approval of Minutes: November, December, January & February Minutes were not approved. Not enough voting members present. Will be held over to March meeting.
- IV. Partner Reports
 - ADFA – Alisa Green gave an update. We will be having a meeting with the consultant BDO, formerly Horn. We did receive the sign agreement with HUD last week. So, we'll make the official announcement of the funding for ESG along with the components that were awarded so that the districts, the CoCs would know who has been awarded the funds in their area. We also concluded this week our NCS application that deadline was Monday the 9th at 4:30 pm. We're in the process of reviewing those and will be notifying applicants of the status of those applications.
 - HUD – No agent present.
- V. Balance of State Update
 - Collaborate Applicant – Sue Legal - Desiree Wilmuth. Has started her new position.
 - HMIS – Mark Sniff gave an update. So, the system performance measure report has been sent out and submitted to HUD. If you have not received a copy and are interested in reading the report please reach out. This will show how our system is performing from entries and exits. Some of the good was we had a very high success rate across the Balance of State, successful exit rate. That is a good thing, it means that our programs

with individuals inside of them are performing really well. The kind of negative or the items that we can do better job on is the average time spent homeless before entering service is pretty high. So, that I could point out to increase improving outreach efforts. Just another reminder that the HMIS Community Snapshot Dashboard is live. You can find that on the Balance of State website. We are going to update that monthly so we can see essentially a year snapshot of how the Balance of State is performing from entries to exits to different demographic information.

- Coordinated Entry – Mark Sniff – We’re actually getting it going. We’re working on the structure of everything, policies for speakers. If anybody is interested in meeting up this month so we can kind of see where Coordinated Entry is at, we can kind of share with you some of the different documents. Shoot me an email and I will send to you. There’s still some work to do, but we’re still getting the ball rolling on Coordinated Entry.

VI. Old Business

- Mark Sniff - gave PIT count updates. The official submission for PIT count has not been submitted. The window has not been opened yet. Historically, it opens around the beginning of April, maybe late March, and then the official submission is typically not due until early June in some cases, sometimes late May. We are not going to release any numbers. I know that some of you are looking for numbers for grant writing or different reasons. We will not release official numbers until we officially submitted to HUD. We are still aggregating a lot of that data, pulling it from victim service providers that are providing us with their counts.

VII. New Business

- In person General Meeting – It has been decided that it is too early to have an in person meeting, but for all LHC to open the meeting up to all their members.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Steering Committee – Mark Sniff - We are working on trying to figure out how to capture specific pieces of data that ADFA is wanting. They’re essentially wanting basically cost from the actual providers. The problem we are having is HMIS only captures data that is connected to clients, and so we can kind of see what services were provided to that client and what that costs and we can kind of capture all of that within, but not what providers are paying rent or utilities or any of the cost. So, we are discussing on how we are going to capture those pieces of information and we are getting some assistance and guidance from Sky.

- Coordinated Entry – Mark Sniff - There’s still some work to do, but we’re still getting the ball rolling on Coordinated Entry.

X. Coalition Reports

- ARVAHAN – No report given
- BBMNS - Cassie Johnson, we met last month. We did not have a big turnout. Ozark Opportunities went over the services that they are providing.
- Delta Hills – Myricle White, they did not meet last month.
- Eastern Arkansas – Jennifer Johnson, they will be meeting next week.
- Mississippi – Lisa Willard, they have not had a meeting yet. She is planning on scheduling a meeting this month.
- NEA – Dalton Hodges, at their meeting they approved bylaws. Will be meeting next week to vote for officers and continue getting our process rolling.
- RHC – No one present to give an update.
- SWAP – Chris Joannide gave an update. They are revamping, some of our committees. One of them being Housing Solution. I believe they just met a couple days ago. A am chairing the Homeless Prevention Committee, and our meeting is in two weeks. We also have formed a new legislative committee. We are also starting a series of newspaper articles on homelessness in China, bring more awareness to it and things that what we are doing here locally to hopefully combat that.
- Toadsuck – Jennifer Welter gave an update. They had a meeting last week and it was basically just the updates that have already been given. So, we do have a meeting again next week.

XI. Next Balance of State zoom Meeting

- March 12, 2026 Zoom Meeting @ 11:00 am

XII. Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Cassie Johnson, AR BoS Secretary.